

REMARKS

Claims 1, 11, 19, and 21 have been amended. New Claims 22-29 have been added. Applicant respectfully requests further examination and reconsideration in view of the above claim amendments and arguments set forth below.

Drawing Objections

Paragraph 1 of the above referenced Office Action objects to Figure 8B of the specification of the above referenced application as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5). Applicant has submitted herewith a drawing amendment to correct the cited objection.

Specification Objections

Paragraph 2 of the above referenced Office Action is objected to for informalities. Applicant has herein amended the specification to correct the cited informalities.

35 U.S.C. Section 112 Rejections

Paragraph 3 of the above referenced Office Action states that Claims 4-8, 10, and line 2 of Claims 14-18 are objected to for insufficient antecedent basis regarding the cited limitation "said parameter manager". Applicant has herein amended independent Claims 1 and 11 to overcome the cited objections.

35 U.S.C. Section 102 Rejections

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In paragraphs 4 and 5 of the above referenced Office Action, Claims 1-18 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 102(b) as being anticipated by Howes et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,403,303 (hereafter Howes). Applicant has herein amended independent Claims 1, 11, 19, and 21 to more particularly point out the present invention. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully asserts that the present invention as recited in the newly amended independent claims is not disclosed by Howes.

With respect to newly amended claim 1, the present invention is a system for controlling the operating parameters of a hand held electronic device. As recited in newly amended claim 1, the system of the present invention comprises:

- a series of parameters storage locations coupled to said electronic device for containing value sets corresponding to said parameters;
- a set of parameter commands for controlling said value sets within said series of parameter storage locations; and
- a parameter manager device coupled to said electronic device for executing said set of parameter commands to control said value sets corresponding to said parameters.

The series of parameters storage locations of the electronic device contain value sets corresponding to the parameters. The value sets are controlled using a set of parameter commands within the parameter storage locations. Overall control is provided by a parameter manager coupled to the electronic device. As explicitly recited in Claim 1, the parameter manager executes the set of parameter commands to control the value sets corresponding to the parameters.

Applicant respectfully asserts that this is different from the system disclosed by Howes. Howes does not disclose a hand held electronic device including a system for controlling the operating parameters of the device. Howes does not disclose or anticipate the limitations recited in amended Claim 1. As such, Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention as recited in Claim 1 is not anticipated by Howes within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. Section 102.

With respect to independent Claims 11, 19, and 21, they have each been amended to include limitations from Claim 1. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention as recited in independent Claims 11, 19, and 21 is not anticipated by Howes within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. Section 102.

35 U.S.C. Section 103 Rejections

Paragraph 6 and 7 of the above referenced Office Action states that Claims 19 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Howes in view of Filion et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,224,207 (hereafter Filion). Applicant has herein amended independent Claims 1, 11, 19, and 21 to more particularly point out aspects of the present invention. As such, Applicant respectfully asserts that Claims 19 and 20 are not rendered obvious within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) by the combination of Howes and Filion.

Specifically, for the reasons discussed above, Applicant submits that the present invention as recited in, for example, Claim 19, is not disclosed or suggested by the Howes reference. Applicant further submits that Filion does not disclose or suggest the hand held electronic device of the present invention. Claim 21 includes limitations of Claim 19. Hence, Applicant submits that the claimed invention is not rendered obvious by the cited combination.

With respect to the respective dependent Claims, the dependent claims each include the limitations of their respective independent claims. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully asserts that the present invention as explicitly recited in claims 1-21 is neither disclosed nor anticipated by Howes within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. Section 102.

New Claims 22-29

Applicant has herein included new Claims 22-29. New independent Claim 22 includes limitations from Claim 1. Additionally, Claim 22 further includes limitations reciting a digital camera including:

a parameter manager device coupled to said digital camera for executing said set of parameter commands to control said value sets corresponding to said parameters, said parameter storage locations including:

a current parameters location containing value sets corresponding to current parameters within said digital camera;
a user defaults location containing value sets corresponding to user defaults within said digital camera;
a factory defaults location containing value sets corresponding to factory defaults within said digital camera; and

wherein said current parameters location is in a random-access memory, said user defaults locations is in an electrically-erasable programmable read-only memory, and said factory defaults location is in a non-volatile memory.

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Applicant submits that the present invention as recited in Claim 22 is not disclosed or suggested by the Howes and the Filion references alone, or in combination. Hence, Applicant submits that the claimed invention is not anticipated or rendered obvious by the cited combination. New dependent Claims 23-29 include the limitations of Claim 22 and are thus, for the same rationale, not anticipated or rendered obvious by the cited combination.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully asserts that all rejections and objections of record are now overcome and that Claims 1-21 and new Claims 22-29 are now in condition for allowance.

The Examiner is urged to contact Applicant's undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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